

Tuesday afternoon:
Aug 31, 1943

Dear mama:

I was very glad to get your letter today, but sorry to learn that you was not doing or feeling good. Hope this finds you all well and having a good time at home again together. Did you get home Monday or (Tuesday) today? I know the boys were very very glad to see you come home. Did you get my letter Monday or Tuesday (today)? I addressed it home. Got a letter from Denmark yesterday, the first I got from him since you been gone and just got one letter from Ellis too. How are

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they getting along picking
Cotton? OK I hope. Did Dennard
start too school yesterday?
Guess there are lots of the school
Children needed at home to
help gather Crops so you can't
hire any help. Hope you got home
OK. I don't see why the other
kids didn't write you while
you were down yonder. I just
got one letter from Emma and
Lillie and two or three from
Dor they in about three weeks. I
know it makes you feel bad to
think that the rest of the
Children are mad at you, but
I hope they are not. I know I am
not mad at you.

I let this fountain pen fall

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on the floor and it hit on
the point an ruined it as
you can tell from the writing.
Guess I will have to get a new point
for it.

Mama please keep Ellis
from going to the Army if you
possible can. I don't see
why he changed his mind so
much. I don't see how he could
afford to go if he don't have
to go. I know he would not like
it at all. Believe me they really
put the boys through the
hard training and hard
work now. It is not like it
was two years ago when I
came in the Army, we sure
had it easy then, but believe

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me they hit it hard now when they come in the army. I hope Ellis was joking when he said that and didn't mean it as he knows you and Derrard could not get the forming done and all the stock and every thing seen after like it should be done, please for my sake and the rest of the family, keep him from going if you can.

Mama you didn't say anything about my money as I ask you in both of my other letters. You see today was a big day here as it was pay day. You tell me when you ans this letter how much money you need and

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I will send it. I intend to get Dennard some school cloths and other things he needs. Tell Ellis to sue my letter and tell me if he thinks he might need those gas ration stamps as I don't want to use them if he can use them at all. I havent use them yet.

Has it rain any there lately? it rained around here this evening and just rain a very little here.

Mama I had Charge of our B.T.U program last Sunday night at the first Baptist Church, we had a good program. I got one of the Baptist preachers here on the field to give ^{the} devotional

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and my Assistant got two
Negro girls from the Negro Baptist
Church to play the piano
and sing.

I don't know yet wheather I
will get my Furlow in Sept
or the first of Oct, but I hope
it will be in Sept. Did Denmark
start too school yesterday?
hope he did. I wonder what is
wrong with Alford's folk's as
I wrote them a good while
back, but havent heard from
them, tell him he better hurry
and ans my letter. Moma you
or Ellis tell the paper man
when you go to town to please
stop send the Times too the
420 SCh Sg address as he is

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still sending it to that
address and the 921 Guard
Sq address too. You know I
wrote you all a good while
back and told you to tell
him to stop sending it to
the 420 Sch Sq address, so
please tell him when you all
go to town to rub out the
420 Sch Sq address.

I been doing some washing
for myself this week as I have
washed two Kakahi suits
and I got some socks to
was now. Mame you or Ellis see
whot these heavy Army Kakahi
suits cost down there as I am
sure they are cheaper there than they
are here, I may let you get me one. ^{Take care of} yourself, ans
^{soon,} get out love, Bernard. ^{nal}